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Title: System and Method for
Programmatically Generating a
Second Graphical Program
Based on a First Graphical
Program

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Dear Sir:

This paper is submitted in response to the Office Action of February 6, 2004, to request further examination and to further highlight why the application is in condition for allowance. A Request for Continued Examination is included herewith.

Summary of Telephone Interview with Examiner:

On May 3, a telephone interview with Examiner Vu was conducted by Jeffrey C. Hood (#35,198) and Mark S. Williams (#50,658). The scope of the present invention as claimed was discussed in light of the prior art of McDonald. Examiner suggested that the independent claims were currently too broad to distinguish over McDonald. Applicants suggested amending the independent claims to emphasize that the first graphical program is of a different type than the second graphical program. The Examiner agreed that such limitations to the independent claims would help move the case along.

Please amend the claims as follows: